

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

12 SEPTEMBER 1961
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1. Gap between Dominican government and opposition remains wide

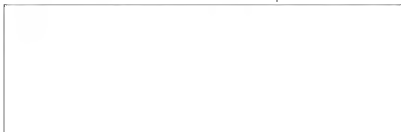


The opposition, unconvinced by President Balaguer's democratic professions, hope to prevent any lifting of OAS sanctions, and claim that US support for such a move would be widely unpopular. They may attempt to provoke repressive police action for the benefit of the OAS inspection mission which arrived yesterday.

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2. Afghans threatening closer Bloc Ties



The Foreign Minister told our ambassador that his government has decided to exclude all shipments through Pakistan unless the Pakistanis allow the reopening of Afghan consulates and trade offices in Pakistan. He admitted that this course, which would cut off major American aid projects, would bring increased dependence on the USSR. Although we see some evidence of pressure tactics here, the Afghan attitude makes such a move possible.

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3. Chinese Nationalists described as adamant on UN issues

Ambassador Drumright believes that they are determined "to go down with the ship" rather than compromise on the Mongolia and representation issues. At the UN, meanwhile, representatives of France's former African colonies have indicated that they intend to vote as a bloc and that, barring a change in Taipei's position, they will not vote for having the representation issue ruled an "important question."

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4. Peru requests immediate US grant under Punta del Este agreement

The prime minister late last week asked our Ambassador for \$30,000,000 interest free emergency aid. He maintains that under the Punta del Este agreement Peru is entitled to an immediate grant without providing detailed justifications or plans. The move appears to be a preliminary to President Prado's Washington visit, scheduled to begin on 19 September.

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NOTES

- A. Our embassy in Moscow reports that Soviet approval of Goulart has emerged with "great clarity." [redacted] 50X1
- B. Ambassador Thompson's conversations with Gromyko in Moscow indicate that he, rather than Kozlov, will probably head the Soviet delegation to the General Assembly. [redacted] 50X1
- C. In an interview with the Iranian Prime Minister last Friday, the Soviet Ambassador indirectly threatened strong Soviet action unless Iran withdrew from CENTO. Other Soviet diplomats in Iran have reportedly stated that the USSR will invoke the 1921 Treaty of Friendship--which Moscow claims gives it the right to occupy Iran if Soviet security is threatened--in order to forestall CENTO aggression. [redacted] 50X1
- ✓ D. The Chinese Communists have told the UAR that they are closing out their diplomatic mission in the Congo, in the expectation that Adoula (who already recognizes the Nationalists) will not recognize them. Among the other Bloc countries represented in Stanleyville, the Czechs have recognized Adoula and the USSR has virtually done so. and both will probably set up shop in Leopoldville soon. [redacted] 50X1
- E. [redacted] Khrushchev had accepted a plan under which a guarantee of free access to West Berlin would be written into a bilateral Soviet-East German peace treaty. Soviet responsibilities under the four-power agreements would be passed on to East Germany as a successor state, but the USSR would guarantee East German execution of these responsibilities. The treaty would be deposited with the UN. [redacted] 50X1

F. The Iraqi air force yesterday launched bombing raids against the Kurds in northeastern Iraq, who [redacted] reported to be on the verge of insurrection. [redacted]

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